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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please make the following amendments to the application (all the claim amendments are supported by the specification, and no new matter has been added):

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add new claims 2-27:

- 1            2.        The method of claim 1, wherein said data is storable in a plurality of data formats,
- 2        and wherein data relating to a plurality of reservoir areas is made searchably available through